

TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9974/50
Serial No. 09/515,860	Filing Date February 29, 2000	Examiner Not Assigned	Group Art Unit 2768
Inventor(s) Arganbright, et al			
Title of Invention ELECTRONIC COMMERCE TRANSACTIONS WITHIN A MARKETING SYSTEM THAT MAY CONTAIN A MEMBERSHIP BUYING OPPORTUNITY			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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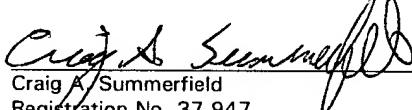
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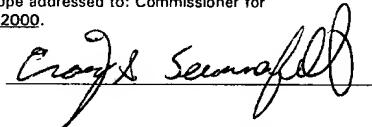
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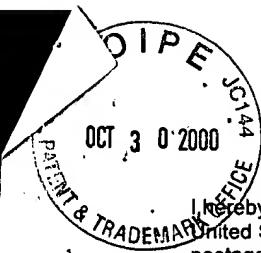
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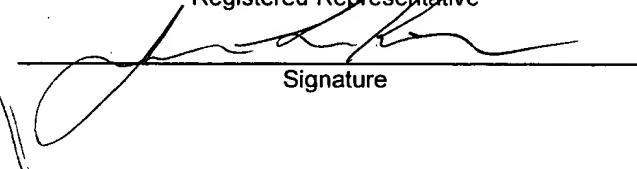


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the present application, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

In the Claims:

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